

## REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-22 are pending prior to entering this amendment.

The case is in condition for allowance, except that Claim 1 is objected to because of a formal matter.<sup>1</sup> Claims 3-11 are objected to as being dependent on objected claim 1. Claims 12-22 are indicated allowable. Accordingly, prosecution on the merits is closed under *Ex parte Quayle*.

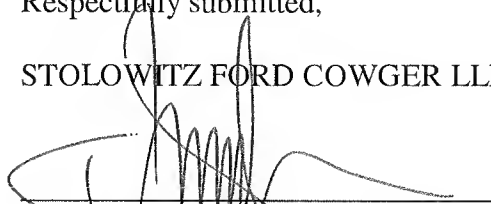
Claim 1 is currently amended to obviate the sole objection. Therefore, the applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance. The examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 224-2170 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

In a telephone interview on May 9, 2008 with the undersigned, Examiner Lee indicated that the proposed amendment to claim 1 appeared to overcome the objection. However, she requested a written reply to also address an apparent inconsistency in claim 3. The present amendment to claim 1 also obviates the concern about claim 3.

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<sup>1</sup> Office action, page 2.  
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